



## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Youth Meets

PERHAPS the most important characteristic of the World Assembly of Youth, now meeting in Singapore, is that it genuinely sets out to serve the true interests of young people everywhere. It has been the tragedy of many youth organisations during the last generation that they have been used solely to exploit the young for political purposes which have nothing to do with the interests of youth. Very often too they have been used to instill narrow nationalism and national hatreds in young people. In Nazi Germany, Hitler Youth was used to teach the young to put loyalty to Hitler far above loyalty to family or religion or the cause of international peace and friendship. It was also used to teach both racial and national hatred—hatred of Jews and hatred of other nations. In Communist States, youth organisations have been entirely subordinated to the ruling Communist Party. In the international field, Communist-sponsored organisations such as the World Federation of Democratic Youth have been exploited as instruments of Soviet Foreign policy. But the World Assembly of Youth is an organisation of a totally different kind. It was formed by young people throughout the Free World who want to help other young people, both through better international understanding and through practical co-operation in concrete tasks.

THE World Assembly of Youth therefore serves no political creed, only the general cause of human freedom. It simply takes its stand on the Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the U.N. Given this basis, it tries to bring together young people regardless of race or religion. It has succeeded so well that delegates at the Singapore meeting—there are more than 800 of them—are drawn from more than a dozen European countries, an even larger number of African territories, eight Asian countries together with Singapore and Hongkong, and about a dozen countries of North and South America. Given so wide a membership, and given a total absence of a ruling political creed, it is obvious that the uniting link in the World Assembly of Youth can be one thing only: a genuine desire to serve the real interest of young people throughout the world. The democratic structure of the World Assembly ensures that it cannot be exploited or perverted for other uses.

DURING the six years of its existence, the Assembly has already shown that its broad democratic structure, combined with its practical approach to problems of youth, are its chief sources of strength. At its meetings, it has always tried to study concrete problems. After the meeting, moreover, delegates go away and, through their national committees, try to work towards a practical solution of these problems. The Singapore Conference has before it two very broad issues: the world's food supplies and the problems of multi-racial communities. During its career, the World Assembly has proved itself a staunch and firm supporter of racial equality, and an opponent of all forms of racial discrimination. This is a job for which young people, with their common interests and their powers of over-leaping racial or national barriers, are particularly well fitted. It may therefore be one of the most useful of the many valuable tasks which the World Assembly is undertaking.

# INDIAN THREAT TO BOYCOTT SHIPS

## Latest Development In Dispute With Portugal

### Red 'Mystery' Ship Heading For Plymouth

Plymouth, Aug. 16. A Russian "mystery" ship, Alfa, a training schooner with 40 cadets on board, was sighted tonight about six miles off Prawle Point, near Dartmouth, Devon, heading for Plymouth Sound. Her master signalled that he wished to replenish fuel and water supplies. The Alfa was sighted last night after being reported missing five days ago, then disappeared again. She was understood to be bound for a Black Sea port when her radio went silent and Soviet authorities appealed to all shipping to watch out for her. They are believed to fear that she might have been battered by recent storms. —Reuter.

## U.S. Flood Aid For Red China?

Washington, Aug. 16. Officials said today the United States was considering a suggestion that it should offer relief aid to flood-stricken victims in Communist China along the lines of the recent American aid to Soviet-controlled Eastern Germany. They emphasized that no decision had yet been reached and said the Chinese Nationalist Government on Formosa has been asked how it would view such an offer of aid to sufferers on the mainland. The Chinese Government in Taipei has not yet replied to requests for its attitude. Authorities here said the suggestions for such American aid first came from Hongkong newspapers. They added that viewed as a humanitarian action, an offer of aid to distressed persons, no matter what their ideological beliefs or the form of their government, usually appeals to the American public.

NOT AS TENDER However they speculated that American feelings towards Red China, which until recently was at war with the United States in Korea, might not be as tender as they were towards the East Germans who are generally believed to oppose their Soviet rulers. The question also has been raised in some quarters as to whether the food would get to the real sufferers or be used for the Red Army or sent to Russia to pay for war material. —United Press.

## Grim Fight Against Flood In Hankow

London, Aug. 16. Women, children and old men are being evacuated to high ground in the north China province of Shantung as the waters of China's "River of Sorrow"—the Yellow River—continue to rise, the New China News Agency reported today. Ten thousand small boats are standing by to evacuate the entire population if the river breaks the flood barriers which have been sustained by incessant heavy rains, the agency said. At Wuhan, industrial centre at the mouth of the Han River in Hupeh Province, flood workers are holding their own. The river is still at the 60 foot mark—six feet above the highest level previously recorded. Rafts anchored on the Han River reduce the battering power of flood waves. More than 30,000 people from the triple city of Wuhan, which includes Hankow, Wuchang and Hanyang, and girls students are working in beaching, heat and driving winds and rain to bring supplies to thousands of men toiling to stop the dyke defences from crumbling. —Reuter.

Bombay, Aug. 16. The Bombay Port Trust workers union called on all its members today to boycott French and Portuguese ships "until such time as the two countries clear out of India."

The union represents workers employed on pilotage, dock and harbour boats, the oiling station, fire brigade and port railway. It appealed to all shipping companies using Bombay port to "desist voluntarily from carrying any cargo or passengers from or to these foreign enclaves."

There are no French or Portuguese ships in the port at present.

A further group of Goa demonstrators were leaving Bombay tonight for Belgum, near the border of the Portuguese settlement of Goa.

### Three Villages 'Liberated'

The Goa Action Committee which has its temporary headquarters in Belgum area, is due to meet tomorrow to consider further action on the basis of its experience and Portuguese reactions to yesterday's entries by peaceful demonstrators demanding the union of the settlements with India.

Mr Waman Dessi, leader of the "United Front of Goans", announced today that volunteers "peacefully liberated" three villages in Goa this morning—Loidem, Darguem and Tamari, 10 miles from the border.

His announcement said the volunteers entered the villages without arms and the Portuguese police did not offer resistance.

The volunteers later marched towards Bortar village in the Sanguem district of Goa. —Reuter.

### PEKING PEOPLE'S DAILY SAYS

## U.K. Attitude To SEATO 'Difficult To Understand'

London, Aug. 16. The Peking People's Daily said today that the British Government was "succumbing to United States pressure" in supporting the organisation of the Southeast Asian Treaty Organisation.

It said that SEATO appeared to be "nothing but an aggressive military organisation, directed chiefly against China, but also aimed at undermining peace in Southeast Asia, and creating a new war."

Britain's attitude was difficult to understand in view of her Government's decision firmly to abide by the Geneva agreements on Indo-China, and to oppose the participation by the three Indo-China states in any military alliance. The New China News Agency quoted the People's Daily as saying: "Since the plans for a Southeast Asian aggressive bloc have become more and more shop-soiled and unsavoury, the United States clique has begun peddling a so-called 'Asian Marshall Plan'."

The idea of this was gradually to draw those countries accepting American aid into an aggressive bloc.

The article also said that efforts to "drag in the Colombo conference countries" had largely failed, and the Philippines were prepared to join the SEATO against the desires of their own people and their national interests. The alliance would jeopardise "friendship and co-operation" of the countries that were being dragged into it, the article said.

SENATE PURPOSE The "sinister purpose" of the United States was being met by the Asian people with heightened vigilance and popular opposition, and support for peaceful co-existence was growing in Asia. The restoration of peace in Indo-China proved that these principles could be applied in

the region, instead of the moth-eaten contention that existence is possible only by relying on U.S. armed force and American aid. Only by establishing collective peace and developing economic relations on the basis of equality and mutual benefit can all Asian countries enjoy the benefits of peace," the article added. —Reuter.

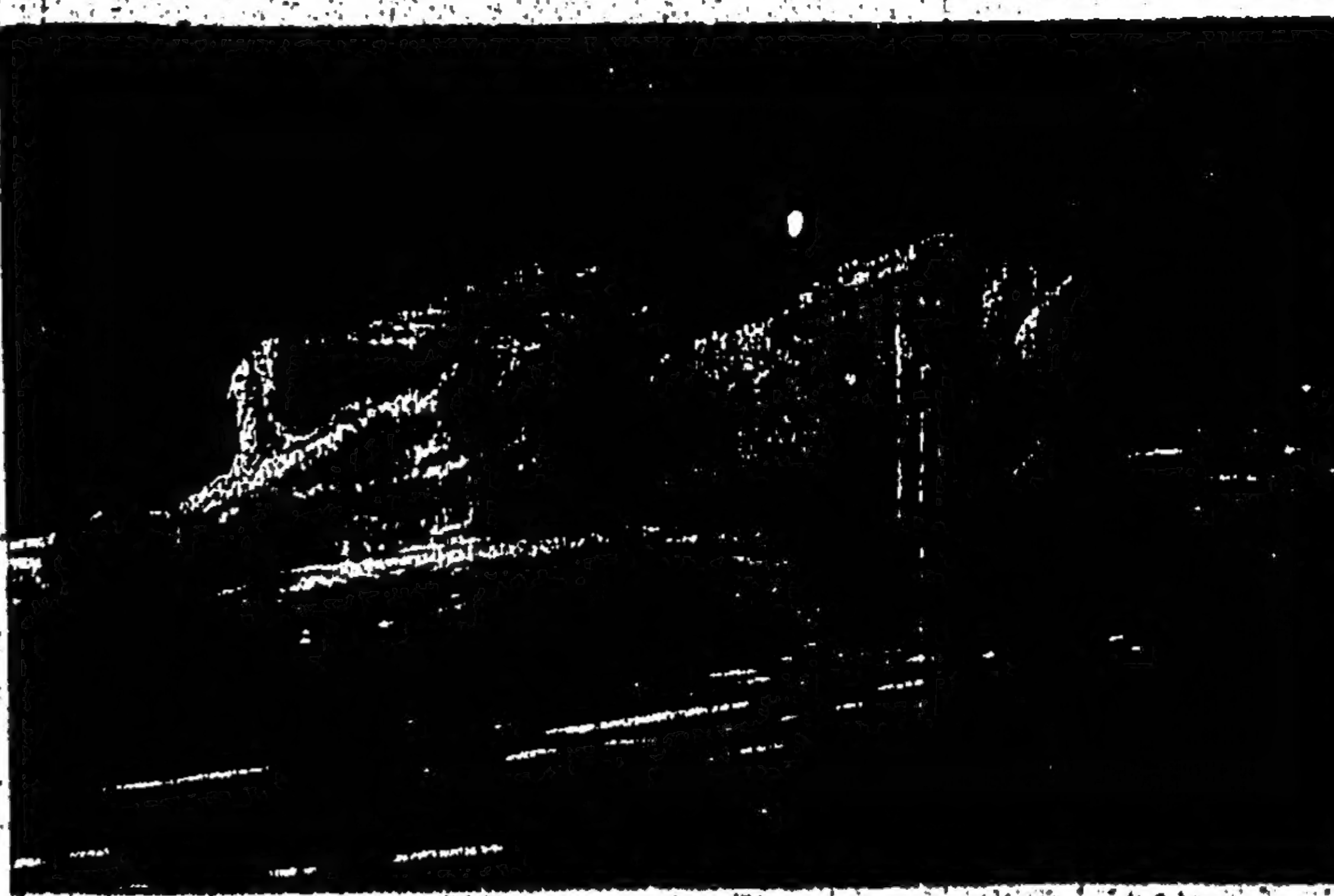
### Ambassador Tells Of Moscow Life

## 'Acrimonious Notes (Between Russia And Britain), But No Tension'

London, Aug. 16. The British Ambassador, Sir William Hayter, flew home today by special R.A.F. plane from Moscow a week after attending conversations there between the Soviet Premier, Mr Georgi Malenkov and the former British Prime Minister, Mr C. R. Attlee.

Sir William was coming on leave after his first year in Moscow and he said that it had all been "very friendly." "It had been a very interesting and enjoyable year," he said. "So far it has been very friendly. We exchanged numerous polite remarks about each other in our newspapers. But really there isn't any tension at all."

### "Come On, Mum, Show Me The Hippo Paddle!"



"Reginald", the baby hippo, 12 weeks old and born at Whipsnade Zoo near London, is now being taught to swim by its mother "Linda". This amusing long-focus camera study shows "Reginald" enjoying a swim with mother, who seems to be quite exhausted coping with her offspring's antics. — London Express Photo.

### Amid A Low Whistle Of Amazement

## Chou Solemnly Proposed A Toast To Her Majesty

From Rene MacColl

Peking, Aug. 16.

The loudly declaimed plea by Chou En-lai for Britain and China to work together to safeguard world peace brought storms of applause at the great ten-course banquet for Mr Attlee and his goodwillers tonight.

With Mr Attlee on his right and Mr Bevan beaming on his left, Mr Chou, solemn-faced and pale-spoken of China's desire to strengthen the recently improved relations between Britain and China. The Government of the People of China, said Chou (while interpreters put his speech into Russian and American-accented English), was ready to take steps to increase friendship and co-operation with Britain. The development of trade between the two countries on a basis of equality would further improve the picture, he said, while behind him a great bank of the spectacular Tan Hwa flowers which only bloom on one evening of the entire year slowly opened dead on time.

It was all Lombard Street to a China organs time we'd be hearing about peaceful co-existence and here it came. "PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE should apply to relations of all countries" (terrific applause: that rattled the glasses containing white wine and tiny plates of chicken bedecked with "butterfly flowers"). Mr Attlee ducked and blinked in the glare of cinema lights and chewed on his duck and lotus as Chou went on to say the social and political systems of Britain and China might be different but the two nations were united in love of peace. Co-operation between the two in the cause of safeguarding world peace was both necessary and possible.

Mr Attlee who now took the microphone gave a prim little smile and started off in his best parliamentary manner while the Chinese wife of Lord Lindsay sitting at his elbow, translated. Britain, said Mr Attlee, believed there was the greatest need for friendly co-operation and mutual understanding between all peoples—indeed the last Labour Government "of which I was a member" recognised the People's Government of China—a big hand for this. A reference to Britain's pride in being equal partners with Asiatic nations in the Commonwealth got only tepid applause but Mr Attlee was right back in the groove when he opined "believing in freedom and democracy ourselves, we think others too should order their lives in the way they think best."

And darned if we didn't then get peaceful co-existence from Mr Attlee—recognition of the rights of other peoples is essential to permanent peace, he said. We'd hardly got back to the ninth course (they had to lend me a fan because I was sweating like mad in my efforts with the chopsticks) when up got Chou again to toast—you've guessed it—peaceful co-existence. Hardly was that downed than Chou was up again with a toast to Mr Molotov and Mr Eden for their Geneva efforts. There was huge applause in which a tableful of Russians near me joined with abandon.

Mr Bevan tossed aside his cigar and made a wisecrack which got Chou really amused. After more toasts, amid a low whistle of amazement, Chou solemnly proposed the toast of Her Majesty. This was something that never happened in Moscow and 400 good Communists present looked serious, bowed and raised their glasses. Then of course, Mr Attlee responded with a toast to Mao Tse-tung. There followed a three-hour rendering by the Peking Opera with some old meaning low and squeaking high notes. Yes, it was quite a day for the delegation. They started off in the Chamber of Abstinence in the Forbidden City and wound up in the hall of Magnanimity which was where tonight's "do" took place. Somehow those beautiful pink and white tulip-shaped Tan Hwa flowers opened just in time for the speeches and closed sleepily when the last was done. They were merely showing peaceful co-operation," hissed a Chinese woman nearby.

### East-West Trade

#### In Europe

## Embargo Cuts Begin Today

Washington, Aug. 16. The United States, Britain and their allies relaxed controls on strategic goods to the Communist states in Europe as from today.

Agreement had been reached among the Democratic nations on the general categories of items which could be shipped behind the Iron Curtain.

One item still under discussion among the United States and Britain, however, was the types and number of ships which could be sold to the Communists.

It was forecast in Washington that the Soviet group would be strictly limited, mainly because the Communists could not export sufficient goods to cover the costs of extensive procurement.

#### AGREED EARLIER

The United States, with Britain and 14 other Democracies, agreed earlier this year to cut the list of controlled strategic goods from 400 to about 250 categories.

This agreement—which did not affect Communist China still under a stringent embargo—eliminated a number of differences between the Allies on what is strategic material.

American officials believe that under the new list on which its European allies are working, as from today, it will be far simpler to control the quantities and types of goods sent to the Communist bloc.

It is expected that Soviet buying in the United States will increase under the easing of controls but not greatly. Last year the United States sold \$1,800,000 worth of goods to Soviet Russia and bought \$40 million worth, mostly furs.

A Board of Trade spokesman in London declined to estimate how much easing of the controls would boost East-West trade, but he pointed out that there were still 170 items on the embargo list, a further 50 on the quantitative control list and 60 on the "watch list."

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The picture shows ice "streamers" on the stays and structure at the base of the 750 feet high mast at the British Broadcasting Corporation's television transmitting station at Holme Moss in Yorkshire, which is 1,750 feet above sea level. The BBC's television transmitting stations are built on high and exposed sites and such ice streamers are formed by clouds blown by a strong wind. While this picture was being taken the ice fell in great masses weighing two to three hundred-weight, deluging the photographer with a rain of ice. —BBC Photo.

## FLOOD FOOD DISTRIBUTION

# U.S. To Counter Red Moves

Washington, Aug. 16.  
The United States plans to take steps to counteract Communist moves to distribute American flood relief goods behind the Iron Curtain through international agencies, United States officials said today.

They said that while the United States is acting primarily for humanitarian reasons it still wants the people behind the Iron Curtain to know where the aid is coming from.

United States officials said that the Communist bosses of East Germany and Hungary accepted President Eisenhower's emergency food offer because they feared that a rebuff would backfire against them.

They said the Red leaders apparently had in mind their sad experience a year ago when East Germany turned down a similar food offer. The people swarmed across the Iron Curtain to get American food anyway.

The President's latest offer was extended on July 29 to help flood victims of the rampaging Danube on both sides of the Iron Curtain. West Germany and Austria accepted immediately. Communist East Germany and Hungary took up President Eisenhower's offer last week, much to the surprise of some American diplomats.

**SMARTEST COURSE**  
Experts feel, however, that by accepting the food offer the Communists are trying to follow the smartest course open to them. Outright rejection almost certainly would set off a wave of anti-Government feeling in both of the food-short satellites.

By accepting the food the Communists can claim they always have the interests of the people foremost in their minds.

Officials expect the satellite Government authorities to try to get the American food dumped into an "international hopper" to be distributed by agencies like the Red Cross. In that way the Reds would minimize America's role in helping flood victims.

Official said, however, that it may be impossible to label much of the food because it may be requested in bulk rather than in smaller packages. The food is to come from United States surplus agricultural stocks. President Eisenhower has directed that up to \$4,000,000 worth of these stocks be made available for flood relief. —United Press.

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# THAI DENOUNCED

## Pridi Banomyong Branded A Traitor By Ex-Attache

Bangkok, Aug. 16.  
Government spokesman Lieut-General Moulung Kharb today denounced his former Free Thai chief, Pridi Banomyong, as a traitor. Kharb, who also is Director of the Public Relations Department and Deputy Chief of Staff was Thai Military Attache in Washington when the Pacific war broke out. The Attache then became Free Thai's military chief in the United States.

Kharb said that Pridi Banomyong, who has been chosen by the Communists to lead their campaign against Thailand, would lead most of his former Free Thai members against their former chief "because those loving democracy's way of life are not of the same political ideas as Pridi". He said that one of the few former Free Thais who would follow Pridi would be Sanguan Tularak who now probably was in Peking.

**TRUMPED UP CHARGES**  
Kharb pointed out the increasing number of trumped up charges the Chinese Communists were directing against Thailand and saw in this a good indication of the Communist intention to stage aggression against Thailand by the usual Communist methods.

Kharb said that in Asia the Communists first set Mao Tse-tung against Chiang Kai-shek in China, then Kim Il-sung against Syngman Rhee in Korea and lately Ho Chi-minh against Bao Dai. He added that they now were setting up Pridi against Premier Phibban Songgram.

**FOREIGN TROOPS**  
He added, "Now Pridi is bringing foreign troops to invade our country. For this he should be considered a traitor."

Kharb, however, said that there was nothing to be afraid of from Pridi but added that "the real danger for Thailand would come when Mao Tse-tung decides to throw in his Chinese troops to help Pridi against this country."

The Press conference which Kharb gave this morning was the first one after a long silence. —United Press.

## Pressure On Mau Mau

Nairobi, Aug. 16.  
Kenya security forces today maintained their pressure on Mau Mau terrorists operating from the hills and forests north of here. In the past week, 90 terrorists have been killed and 12 captured, while a further 460 have been held on suspicion.

Striding back against loyal farm workers in the Kiambu district yesterday, security forces forced 4 children and 20 adults to take the Mau Mau oath, it was learned here today. —France-Press.

## J. FRED MUGGS LEAVES FOR U.S.

Tokyo, Aug. 16.  
US television star J. Fred Muggs left here today by air for the United States after a five-day visit on a goodwill mission to Japan, staying at the Nikko Hotel, one of Tokyo's most luxurious hotels. —China Mail Special.

## New British Ambassadors Appointed

London, Aug. 17.  
Mr. John Walter Nicholls, CMG, 45, Assistant Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office in charge of the Information Department, has been appointed British Ambassador to Israel, the Foreign Office announced today.

Mr. Nicholls will succeed Sir Francis Evans, who has been Britain's envoy in Israel for nearly three years. He becomes one of the youngest Ambassadors in the British Foreign Service.

A career diplomat, he has served in Athens, Lisbon, Bonn and Moscow.

Mr. Nicholls who will go to Israel next month, is being succeeded in his position at the Foreign Office by Mr. Paul Grey, former British Minister in Moscow.

**PAKISTAN**  
The Government announced today it had appointed Mr. A. C. Symon to be British High Commissioner in Pakistan to succeed Sir Gilbert Lethbridge.

Mr. Symon, who is 52, is now Assistant Under-Secretary of State in the Commonwealth Relations Office. He will take up his appointment at the end of this year, the announcement said.

He has had long experience in the Indian Sub-Continent. He joined the old India Office in 1919. He was Assistant Secretary to the Indian delegation to the Disarmament Conference in 1932-33, Secretary to the Indian delegation to the London naval conference in 1935-36 and Secretary to the Indian Purchasing Mission to the United States subsequently.

He later became Deputy British High Commissioner in India and on two occasions acted as High Commissioner—Rangoon and United Press.

## SENATE APPROVES COMPENSATION

Washington, Aug. 16.  
The Senate today approved and sent to the House a bill to pay \$10,000 to the estate of the Rev. Sun Wha-il, a Korean Presbyterian Minister who died of injuries suffered when he was beaten by an American Army officer.

According to the Senate Judiciary Committee, the officer, Second Lieutenant James G. Goff, later was dismissed from service and sentenced to two years at hard labour for aggravated assault. He was leader of a party which suspected the Minister's younger brother of stealing United States Army property in Korea. —United Press.

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# Russian Writers Feel The Cold Wind Blowing

By ELIZABETH HOWORTH

THE other day the Russian humorous weekly, Krokodil, turned its attention to authors who wait to see the way the wind blows before they sit down to write. One of its cartoons showed a desk laden with writing materials poised high in the clouds on top of a weather vane, four pens for its pointers. At the bottom of this contraption a port secretary is telling a caller that the dramatist for whom the works is not at home. "When there is no wind he just does not work."

The reason why prudent Russian authors have found their projects becoming more and more like a lottery is the little fable printed last March by Gogolov. It concerned a certain Eren who was attacked by a wolf in spite of the fact that he had received a safe-conduct pass from him. The wolf flourished his pass and said: "It's your signature," said the wolf. "Wind of that!" came the answer. "Show me the writing above the signature," "Yours too," The wolf perused the document closely. Having read it he said he could not have signed such a thing. Then he tore up the paper and ate the hare. Some say, the fable adds, that he did not even bother to tear up the paper before he ate the hare.

## Signs of Purge

The fable is in a good position to test the relevance of this story, for the author, Mr. Malishevsky, used to write his very little fables about the insecurity of officialdom week by week in the Russian press until they came to a sudden stop about two years ago. He reappeared in March to explain why the hare distrusts the promises of the wolf. Since then he has been silent.

The first sign that the Communist party might be preparing some new purge of authors came almost immediately after Malishevsky's fable. Early in April the party and literary

press attacked Anatoly Surov and Nikolai Virla, both well-known playwrights, both Stalin Prize winners. It was their personalities, not their work, that came under fire. The literary Gazette declared that Surov, author of "Sunrise over Moscow," was guilty of persistent drunkenness and hooliganism. In the old days a writer might be forgiven for addiction to the bottle—it was probably caused by persecution and despair. But nowadays, when "the party and Government are bringing up writers solicitously, creating conditions for the growth and blooming of our literature, it is inexcusable."

## Expelled

Virla was held up to ridicule in Komosomolskaya Pravda. He had apparently bamboozled members of his local Komosomol into building him a magnificent brick house surrounded by an elegant blue fence (the subject of another cartoon in Krokodil). Here Virla lived the life of a pre-revolutionary "squire." His wife, attired in a riding-habit, trotted through the fields where old peasant women bent over their work. She seems to have come a cropper now.

At the beginning of May, less than a month after those attacks, Surov and Virla, along with two lesser-known authors, were expelled from the Writers' Union (and hence from the practice of their profession) for "moral and anti-social acts incompatible with the calling of a Soviet writer."

It is now becoming apparent that these expulsions were not isolated examples of a puritanical regard for morals, but the preliminary skirmish in a general war against the lack of "ideological clarity" of Soviet authors in general. At the end of May Pravda turned over Vera Panova, best known in Britain, perhaps, as author of a monumentally dull novel called "The Factory." She has now published a novel called "Seasons of the Year" in which she has detected in it a reprehensible nostalgia for the past.

## Significant

"When the heroes of the novel are described at the beginning of their life course, coinciding with the first years of Soviet power, we meet with living traits of character. As soon as modern life and the present day become the scene of the action, the heroes are approached by, immediately repine and fade."

The author seems to have set herself the task of indicating how "things are in life" without giving any evaluation of it. "She has gone the way of naturalism," Pravda's criticism is of particular interest because it sets out to deal with earlier reviews of the same book in which other critics had praised it. Izvestia had gushingly declared that "the very title, 'Seasons of the Year' seems to suggest to the reader: I shall conduct my heroes through what is most natural, through what inevitably happens to us all, through the course of the seasons, through winter, spring, summer and autumn." Pravda's retort is tart: "People are not cereals, and so to conduct them through spring, summer, autumn, and winter explains nothing of itself."

More significant, perhaps, was Pravda's criticism of Zvezda, the literary journal, for praising the Panova novel; for it was similar misplaced plaudits by the same paper in 1946 which brought down on its head the censure of the party's Central Committee and inaugurated the campaign for political control of the artist's choice and treatment of his subject associated with the name of Zhdanov.

Since Pravda gave its pronouncement on "Seasons of the Year," other writers have come under scrutiny. A play by L. Zorin, "The Guests," which had already been performed in Leningrad and Moscow, and published in the magazine Theatre, was the subject of a special meeting of the Collegium of the Ministry of Culture. It was officially described as "a vicious work," and originally spoke favourably of it, has been made to appear at a meeting of Moscow playwrights, according to June 3, Literary Gazette, the "luxuriant and describe it as the 'luxuriant tendencies' in Zorin's earlier plays."

## Regretted

The Leningrad writers were also called together to hear a report on the "alarming" fact that young writers, imitating Panova, "are being carried away by a petty-bourgeois outlook and sentimentality." At the same meeting Zhdanov, the once popular writer of witty sketches of Soviet life, who was so brutally handled by Zhdanov, found his behaviour once more "sharply condemned."

He is accused of having "concealed his real attitude" to the Central Committee's decree on literature in 1946—this in June, 1954. What seems to have aroused the party's anger in these new novels and plays is that their authors have by implication praised the early revolutionaries as idealists but condemned their successors as men indifferent to ideals and corrupted by power. The mere thought that power itself (and not "survivals of bourgeois mentality" in a particular individual) can possibly cause corruption enrages Soviet Culture. In Russia, it wrote on June 5, the very word

power "has become something shining and joyous, embodying the finest hopes and aspirations of every Soviet man and woman. Our people look upon their people's power with unshakable trust and warm affection. Zorin's play on the other hand, had for its theme the insolence of officials against whom the victims of blatant injustice were unable to find protection."

The fact appears to be that after Stalin's death the Soviet Government for reasons of its own, gave the writers an inch and they took an entire book-shelf and filled it with volumes that were far from flattering. The hare was given a safe-conduct pass through doubtful and previously forbidden territory and told to use his eyes and report on what he saw. Now his work is declared "vicious" and "negative."

## Ehrenburg

Even bigger fry may be in the net shortly. Ilya Ehrenburg is the object of an adverse report made by the Soviet Writers' Union and published in the Literary Gazette on June 15. Ehrenburg, who used to enjoy the personal good-will of Stalin, was said to be one of those who were favoured by midnight telephone calls from the Kremlin. The reception of his latest novel, "The Thaw," is frozen: it "contains serious drawbacks that require our serious and fundamental criticism." The blow is softened a little by praise for his past achievements as a writer who "has done and is still doing a great deal for our literature and the struggle for peace." But, adds the report, respect for "a great writer and social worker" ought not to shield him from criticism. Nor are the critics immune from criticism—in the same report the Writers' Union goes on to criticize its own journal, Novy Mir.

There seems little doubt that the wind is beginning to blow cold down the neck of the writer. A second Writers' Congress is now being prepared for the autumn. "Soviet" writers are making ready for their second All-Union Congress, remarks Pravda, "in historical days, permeated by the pathos of the new and grandiose tasks put forward by the Communist party." At the last one, twenty years ago, the doctrine of Socialist Realism was formulated and is now being refurbished and brought up to date.

"Socialist Realism demands of the writer a just and historically concrete reflection of reality in its revolutionary development. Such a depiction of reality should be organically bound up with the tasks of educating the working people in the spirit of socialism." Writers may thus expect to be buckled still more firmly to their tasks, not less. The motto of the second congress may prove to be: Zhdanov is dead; long live Zhdanovism.

AMERICA COLUMN  
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## Babies At 3 a.m.

IN staid, sleepy Boston, 29-year-old Vincent Quinta was arrested while pushing a pram through the streets at 3 a.m. and shouting: "Come and get your babies." The "babies" were bottles of wine which Vincent, feeling happy, wanted to share with anyone he could wake.

LEWIS HARMON and his wife Charlotte, operators of a Connecticut summer theatre, have filed charges with the Actors Equity Association against 22-year-old John Barrymore Jun., accusing him of "conduct unbecoming an actor."

They said he was late for rehearsal, refused to take stage directions, confused other actors by changing his lines, and insulted Mrs. Harmon.

ACTRESS Sarah Churchill got a ducking at Grand Lake, Colorado, when a light sailing boat overturned — and it was her own fault. "Silly of me," 39-year-old Sarah apologised to her dripping crew.

PATROLMAN Jack Muller, with a reputation of giving out more traffic summonses than any other policeman in Chicago, was "excused from duty" after he arrested Superior Court Judge Samuel Epstein and his wife for wrongful parking. Muller alleges that the judge held his arms while Mrs. Epstein bit him with her handbag. The judge in turn alleges that Muller hit his wife first.

THE Hoover Commission, trying to cut down the burden of Government form-filling in industry, has discovered that many forms, once completed, have one chance in 970,000 of ever being referred to again.

WALT DISNEY'S true-life adventure film, "The Vanishing Prairie," will be banned in New York State unless he puts out a two-minute sequence showing the birth of a tumbleweed on the prairie.



"IF ONLY I COULD HAVE BEEN PRESIDENT OF SWITZERLAND INSTEAD..."  
London Express Service

# Born on a Saturday — that's why They Call Him Kwame

By LOUISE REID

London: THE former Peggy Cripps, wife of Joseph Appiah from Kumasi, on the Gold Coast, brought their coffee-coloured baby boy, 11 weeks old, out on to the sun-applashed lawn to have his picture taken.

In the background rose the mellow front of Fifth Hill, Cotswolds home of Lady Cripps and the late Sir Stafford.

Appiah, Joe to his wife, brushed the baby's hair up on both sides in the hope of making it curl. Peggy tickled the baby's toes, and we all three chuckled in the hope of making him smile. Both hopes were disappointed. The baby looked ravishing all the same.

## WORRIED? NO

In October the Appiahs are going out to the Gold Coast to set up house. The baby will then be christened in the Methodist Church at Kumasi, wearing Lady Cripps's christening robe and a gold ring with heart after the Ashanti custom.

He is to have a formidable string of names, all from his father's side—Kwame Anthony Akroma—Amplam Kwasi. Joe elaborated: "Kwame, because he was born on Saturday; Anthony, after my great-uncle, who was head of the family; Akroma—Amplam meaning the crow flies straight over all obstacles, after an ancestor who was an Ashanti general; Kwasi, after my father. We call him Kwame."

At 11 weeks Kwame weighs 13lb. and gains nine to 11oz. a week. Much too much according to the baby books, but his mother isn't worried, because it is all firm flesh, not an ounce of flabby fat. She bought baby books before he was born, but has not opened them since. Instead she looks to her family for advice.

## SLEEPS THROUGH

Her sister, Lady Ricketts, a Cotswold neighbour and a frequent visitor, has three children. Her brother John and his wife have six children. When in doubt Peggy rings them up. She has few doubts because Kwame is a model baby. "He sleeps right through from tea at night until five in the morning," Sir Stafford's

daughter sees no hardship in getting up at five in the morning.

Out in Kumasi she will have her husband's sister—six of them—to counsel her in emergency. She is not worried either about bringing up Kwame in the vastly different climate of the Gold Coast. "After all, he is half African and therefore half acclimatised already," she points out.

But once there he will not be allowed to forget that he is half-English, too. He will be bilingual from the start, learning Twi, the Ashanti language, from his father, and English from his mother. He will play with both parents' toys (especially a rocking-horse) made by local craftsmen and English cuddly toys made by his mother. He will wear English shorts and shirts at school, and the African kumasi cloth (like the one his father was married in) on ceremonial occasions.

Education? First the state junior school. "Then," says Joe, "we should like him to go to my old school, Mfantsipim, otherwise known as Richmond College. This is a public boarding school on the lines of Eton and Harrow. We hope he will win a scholarship, but if he doesn't we shall pay fees. My great-uncle left money especially for this purpose."

## HE LAUGHED

"After Mfantsipim he will most likely go to the Gold Coast University. Then, perhaps another university. It will depend what he wants to do."

It's early to talk. I should say Cambridge for science, or Durham for theology, or Harvard for philosophy, and I suppose, he added with a laugh, "St. Cyr for military science. But if he is my son he can't get out of politics."

And then Peggy laughed and protested: "Do give him a chance, darling!" And Joe laughed again. Even little Kwame smiled at last.

It is not intended that he shall be an only child. Both the Appiahs believe in fair-sized families, and Peggy believes in looking after her children herself. She has no nurse. We hope to have four children, God willing," they both say.

What of the colour bar?

Says Joe: "There is no colour bar on the Gold Coast. The only thing that counts with our people is character." Says Peggy: "There is a colour bar in England, as we all know, but we personally have never come up against it, although many of our friends have. People who don't approve of our marriage keep out of our way. Otherwise, Joe is accepted everywhere. He goes on wonderfully with shopkeepers. In London as a mere housewife, I used to feel frightfully jealous of his success in the shops."

## THE ANGELS

The Appiahs' favourite story concerns one of Joe's shopping expeditions. He was waiting in a queue in Finchley Road with an African friend when a little English girl came up to them and said: "Oh, Mummy, do look at these two beautiful angels. Mummy, do do take the angels home to tea." And Mummy was quite willing, but the angels, to their regret, couldn't spare the time.

"I think that's a wonderful story," says Peggy. "Obviously the little girl had seen a missionary book with pictures of African angels. You know the sort of thing."

"And that," says Joe, "is the only time my colour has been referred to in public."

Since his great uncle's recent death, Joe has been head of the family. His first job, back in Kumasi, will be to clear up his father's business affairs and appoint somebody to administer the estate. He will then be free to go "knee deep into politics," what my country needs most.

"We shall try to make a garden like a Cotswold garden, so that Peggy won't miss it too much, and every two years she will come back to England with her mother and father. Her mother and Lady Cripps will visit her. The link between the two families will be the family of the Appiahs on this."

# SWEDISH RHAPSODY

By Gerard Bourke

FEW melodies of recent years have remained so popular for so long as "Swedish Rhapsody," still played everywhere to the delight of lovers of jazz or the deepest classics.

In a flash it became international, carrying along the whirl and gaiety of Swedish folk-dancing on midsummer night.

And the gaily dressed parties arriving in yachts or launches to dance by the lakeside, or on platforms erected among the rushes, are a reminder of the 83-year-old composer who so perfectly captured the summer fragrance of the Swedish countryside.

Until recently, the name of Hugo Alfvén was little known outside Sweden. But at home he was unquestionably their senior composer having written five symphonies, as well as choral and instrumental music.

Strangely enough the work which has brought him such fame—and large royalties—was composed over fifty years ago. He wrote it under the spell of the innumerable islands around Stockholm, to which he always hurried to escape the bustle of the city.

"Midsummer Vigil" he called this, the second of his three Swedish rhapsodies.

because it captured the excitement of the festive night on which bonfires along the island shores burn against the reddened midnight dusk. For in Sweden's northernmost parts, the sun never sets for several days at midsummer; it remains to slant its rays on the revelers as they dance to accordion and violin among the slender glittering birch trees.

Inside the dwellings, every room has been decorated for midsummer night with sprays from the silver birch, an ancient custom to bring good fortune.

During the afternoon, families gather early to hurry through the meadows to the lakeside—or perhaps to the village barn. For as Hugo Alfvén remarks: "The barn might, indeed, have been built for summer night dancing; the floor is even and pleasant cool air is wafted in through open doors. For those whom the ardent leaps of folk dancing have tired, the hay loft provides a pleasant haven."

Often in his youth, Alfvén spent the summer evenings playing the violin for such folk-dancing, for he had the reputation of being the finest national air of his command.

Just as Hugo Alfvén has stirred Sweden's folk music and compositions, so the aged people outside Sweden's borders, sculpture Carl Zeller, enriches his country's art.

"I wanted to sing the praise of the Swedish character," he wrote, "and the beauty of Swedish nature at Midsummer, writing hymns of joy in the idealising language of music. I set to work as in a dream."

In Stockholm during the summer months, there is a constant parade of launches and yachts of every size and kind, going either seawards to the richly varied scenery of the great archipelago, or inland to the calm expanse of Lake Mälaren, studded with granite islands on which slender fir trees miraculously thrive. Most families seem to own some retreat among the islands, however small, and there they dance the hours away. For in the short northern summer only light dictates the time; winter soon returns and its almost constant darkness gives ample time for sleep.

Like their neighbours the Finns, the Swedes plan their lives so that they can enjoy their wonderful lake vistas. They are the more fortunate, they have not known war for many years. And they could go ahead with plans to improve living standards, building with imagination to practical effect.

In Stockholm, fine modern buildings often rise dramatically from granite peaks to peer out from behind the firs. Blocks of flats, similar in design, will each face a slightly different direction, or be coloured in some matching tone. Individually they too precious to be lost.

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## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Meet Good Defence With Best Playing

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN a hand cannot be made against perfect defence, don't give up. Perfect defence is the exception rather than the rule, and your best course is to play the hand in such a way as to give the enemy their best chance to make a mistake.

When today's hand was played, West opened the ten of spades. Mrs. Sally Lipton, playing the South hand, ducked in dummy, and East won the first trick with the queen of spades. East returned a trump, and Mrs. Lipton drew trumps in two rounds.

It was now fairly clear to declarer that she would probably lose two spades, a diamond, and a club. There was, however, still the chance that the opponents would fall into error.

Mrs. Lipton gave the enemy their first chance by leading a low diamond from her hand. If West had played low, as he was sorely tempted to do, East would have been obliged to win with his king of diamonds.

East would have to return a diamond, and South would ruff. Declarer would now take both top clubs and end play East with a third round of clubs. East would have to lead away

NORTH 14	
♠ A 7 6	♥ K 10 9 8
♦ Q 10 9 8	♣ A 9 7 2
WEST	
♠ 10 9 8 2	♥ K 4 5
♦ 7 3	♣ A 9 7 4
♠ A 9 7 4	♥ K 4 5
♦ 7 3	♣ A 9 7 4
SOUTH (D)	
♠ A 4 3	♥ A K J 6 5
♦ 2	♣ K 10 8 5
Neither side vul	
South West North East	
1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass	
4 ♠ Pass 5 ♠ Pass	
Opening lead—♠ 10	

from his king of spades, thus giving declarer a ruff and a discard.

West avoided the trap by going up with the ace of diamonds on the first round of that suit. He then led the nine of spades through dummy's ace, thus taking his partner out of the end play.

Thwarted temporarily, Mrs. Lipton put up dummy's ace of spades, ruffed dummy's remaining diamond and then led a spade to put East in with the king.

If East had counted carefully, he would have known that declarer had four clubs, so that a ruff and a discard would do her no good. East did not count, however, and automatically returned a club when he was put in with the king of spades.

The club return trapped West's queen and now declarer could finesse through East's jack to make the contract without losing a club trick.

## CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been: East, South West North 1 Dmd. Double Pass 1 Heart Pass. You, South, hold: Spades A-K-J-10-9, Hearts K-7-5, Diamond 4, Clubs A-K-6-3. What do you do?

A—Bid two spades. This jump take-out in a new suit is almost forcing to game. (If you had wanted to make sure of forcing to game, you could have bid two diamonds right over one diamond.) If North has a hopeless hand, you are content to play the hand at two spades. If he can rebid his hearts, you will raise to game in that suit.

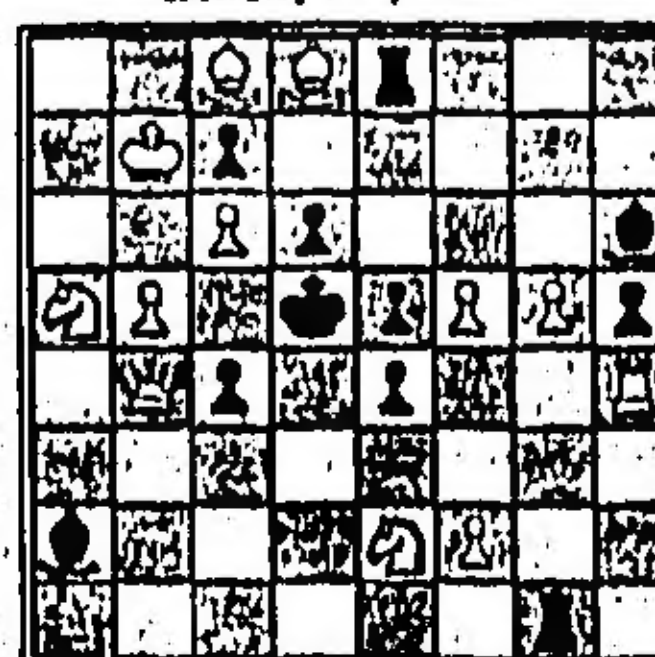
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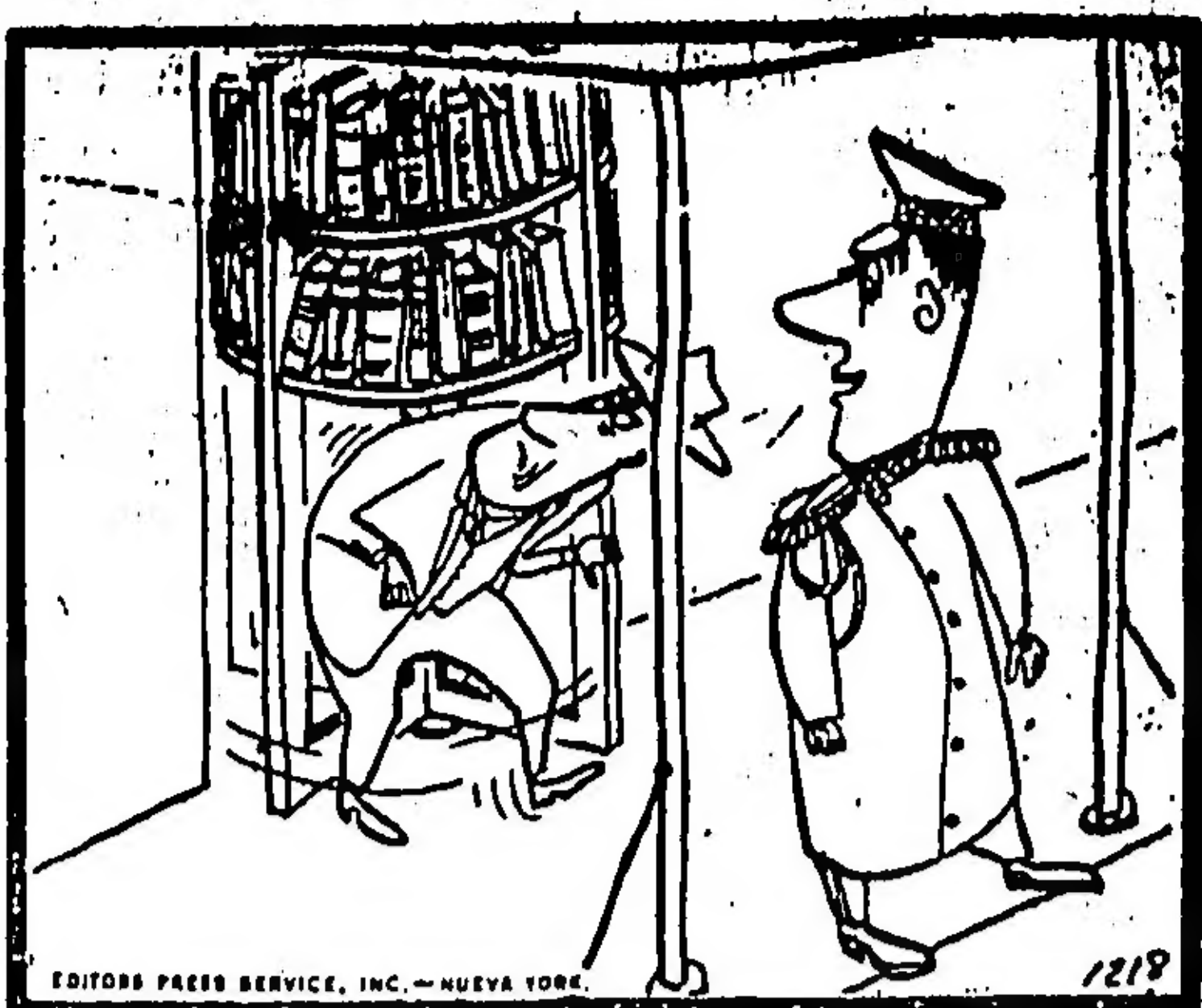
Answer Tomorrow

## CHESS PROBLEM

By W. JORGENSEN  
Black, 11 pieces.



White, 12 pieces.  
White to play: mate in three.  
Solution to yesterday's problem: 1. R-K4, any; 2. R, B, or K mate.



"Oh, that. It's my circulating library."

## YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

BORN today, you have an abundance of good nature, a friendly personality and tremendous potentialities. You are, however, inclined to have back your own way, and this is a real liability. While you are trying to make up your mind, someone else may come along and grab the opportunity that you should have had.

You have capabilities and always manage to get along. You never would starve for your inherent talents would always get you some kind of a job. So, don't take life too easily. Learn to be a little more aggressive and go out looking for things.

You have a deep and abiding love for members of your own family and will make any kind of a personal sacrifice for their benefit.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

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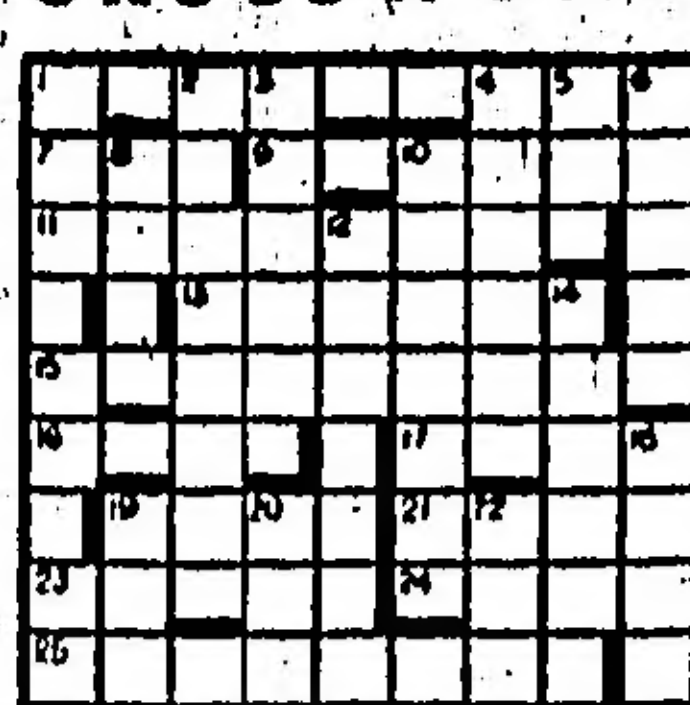
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## CROSSWORD



Across  
1. Poises with the pro returning inside. (9)  
7. Full many, a gem of purest essence. (10)  
9. Overwhelm—and second part first, is worn by most men. (8)  
11. Figure order with beginning. (8)  
13. Giving and taking these is most odd. (6)  
15. Odd fellow may be—he's certainly not even. (9)  
17. Sound like a drink—or part of one—down Dorset way. (4)  
19. Do this for it—if you're careful. (4)  
21. Seals without science. (4)  
23. Short note from Allister—I'm penitence. (5)  
24. "Only"—ing early, in among the bearded barley. (4)  
25. And the man who wrote the line above. (8)

Down  
1. Economical—and forward looking. (9)  
2. "Ready" "Erb"—Then go to the shop for the anagram. (3, 3)  
3. Bounded, pleased. (6)  
4. Certainly. (6)  
5. Inside surely. (3)  
6. Derision lies in this. (8)  
8. Most of the shaver, to confirm. (4)  
10. This does not describe the people who run the underground railway. (7)  
12. You may not easily be parted from your money if it's held thus. (7)  
14. It's a boat in China. (6)  
16. Clump—but it's some a clock-and-daggerish. (4)  
18. Twice this Anais was a pame. (6)  
20. Just the boy in Shavian wit. (3)  
22. Fard added makes a different animal. (8)

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## WOMANSENSE

### Dots With Dash



MORE dash than ever to dots this season, and they're everywhere, on every type of garment from bathing suit to dance dress, from coin size to just mere specks. Black and white is nicely handled by Hannah Troy in a beautiful town dress of satin-faced black Swiss cotton with ovals of white in various sizes. The bodice is cut with a breezy V-neckline trimmed with a self bow. The hipline is trim and slim with skirt fullness extending from there to a generous hem. Ideal for informal but smart dining through the summer.

—ALICE ALDEN

### HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Freshen wax flowers by dipping them in alcohol and swabbing them with a soft, small paint-brush.

If you are painting or redoing furniture, the following precautions should be taken: Protect your skin from paint splatters by wearing gloves and long sleeves. Spots should be removed with turpentine, and the skin washed thoroughly with soap and water. Always wash your hands well before eating. Scrape or sandpaper lead-painted surfaces out-of-doors or in a well-ventilated room to avoid inhaling the dust, and be sure to wash hands and body immediately afterward.

## Fruit Snacks to Serve with Summer Drinks

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN

A FRIEND of mine lives in a small apartment that boasts a tiny terrace, which she stars in her summer entertaining.

For instance, she may have a dinner party in the living room, but the demitasse is served on the terrace.

She uses a bamboo tray for the coffee service which fits on a folding base to form a table.

And for more elaborate late afternoon or evening summer coolers, she uses the same tray with tinkling fruit drinks, and an array of the colorful fruit snacks for which she is famous.

Fruit Snacks (For glamour service, arrange on a large silver or glass tray, or platter edged with green leaves. Place a paper dolly under each kind of fruit):

Pineapple Snacks: Peel a pineapple. Separate into natural pointed sections. Brush with lemon juice and dust with sugar. Stick a cocktail pick in each.

Strawberry Snacks: Use whole strawberries. Provide powdered sugar for dunking. Pass paper-thin, crunchy cookies with fruit snacks.

Butter Crisps: Stir 1 c. margarine until creamy. Gradually work in 1 c. light brown sugar, 1/2 tsp. vanilla and 2 beaten eggs.

Sift together 3 c. already-sifted enriched flour, 1/4 tsp. baking soda, 1 tsp. baking powder and 1/2 tsp. salt. Mix into the first mixture.

Form into a roll 2 in. in diameter. Wrap in waxed paper; refrigerate until firm enough to slice paper-thin.

Place slices on an oiled cookie sheet. Brush with unbeaten egg white. Sprinkle the tops with fine-chopped nuts, or shredded coconut. Bake 10 min. in

## ADVICE TO BRIDES

WHY Peter Ustinov, Gilbert Harding, John Beljam, and Godfrey Winn have started writing hints for brides is a thing no one knows. But some of the hints are good for a smile.

Says Gilbert Harding: "Does she get lipstick on her teeth, comb her hair in public, let her stockings get twisted, let her nail varnish flake? You may not notice when you are in love, but you will later on."

Says Peter Ustinov: "A honeymoon demands a sense of water and an attendant sense of infinity."

These unusual comments are from a new book called "So You're Engaged" (published by Rowce, Mull, & Co., 6d.).

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

### Mr. Merlin's Disguises

— First He's a Cat, Then a Poodle or Seal —

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, were sitting on the back steps of the house, talking about a good friend of theirs. The good friend of theirs about whom they were talking was Mr. Merlin, the Magician.

"I really do wonder what could have happened to him," Hanid was saying for at least the tenth time. "No one has seen him or heard of him in more than a week."

A Short Walk

"He said he was only going for a short walk," said Knarf. "It can't be a very short walk if he's been gone for a week," said Hanid.

At that instant, a curious thing happened. Knarf and Hanid, who were busy talking, didn't notice it at first. But when they did, they jumped up in surprise.

This is the curious thing that happened: a large, white cat came out from under the cellar steps and started walking down the garden path toward the outside gate. She held her tail straight up in the air and flying from the end of her tail was a black flag with a skull and crossbones.

It was the regular pirate flag. The cat stopped for a second, saluted Knarf and Hanid, dipped the flag, stroked her whiskers, and marched on.

Something Familiar

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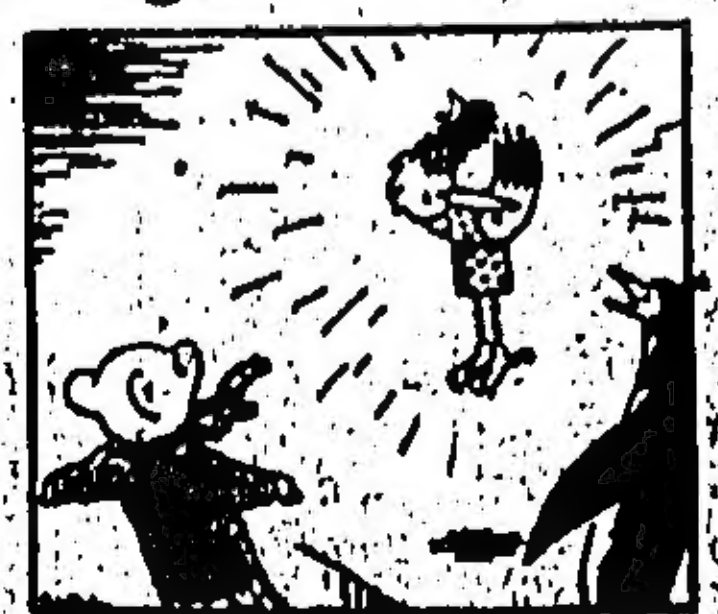
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### Rupert and the Spring Chicken—27



The "strange creature" stares fiercely at Rupert. "Yes, of course, I am the Spring Chicken," it squeaks. "But who are you? And what do you mean by bothering me?" "Oh, please, will you come back with me?" says the little bear. "The hens are so terribly worried, as are our













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The funeral ceremony will be  
held today at 3 p.m. at the  
International Funeral Parlour,  
No. 41, Lockhart Road, Funeral  
hall will take place tomorrow,  
August 18th at 1 p.m. and burial  
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## RANGOON CORP. TO HELP THE DESTITUTE

Rangoon, Aug. 16.  
The Rangoon Corporation has formed a  
special committee to help the depressed and  
destitute and to enquire into prostitution in the  
city.

Police are already taking a census of  
prostitutes and have placed the provisional figure  
at 504 out of a population of nearly 750,000. This  
figure, according to the Independent English-  
language newspaper, the Nation, which was  
quoting "veteran Rangoon taxi and trishaw  
drivers," is about a quarter of the actual number.

The decision to take a census  
was made after it was reported  
from Toronto that Daw Ma Ma, a  
Burmese delegate to the Inter-  
national conference on social  
services, had said there were  
30,000 prostitutes in Rangoon.  
She has since claimed that she  
was misquoted.

The report caused a storm of  
protest from welfare organiza-  
tions and newspapers, which  
pointed out that figures meant  
that one out of every five  
women between the ages of 11  
and 40 was a prostitute.  
Most papers put the figure  
at about 4,000, while social  
service authorities, though re-  
fusing to make an estimate,  
admitted that the number had  
increased in recent years due to  
insecure home life during the  
war and the rebellions that  
followed Burma's independence.

Police are also making great  
efforts to stamp out child  
prostitution, which is reported  
to be on the increase.

Procurements, mostly old women,  
go to the villages outside the  
city where they buy young girls  
from ignorant peasants or entice  
others to Rangoon with promises  
of jobs and a husband.

City authorities say that  
further proof of declining morals  
is the great increase in obscene  
publications which can be  
bought in Rangoon.

### FOREIGN DESTITUATES

Many arrests have been made  
in this connection in the past  
few weeks and thousands of  
books have been seized.  
The new committee hopes to  
aid the schools of the destitutes  
who now roam the city making  
their living by begging. Though  
the Corporation is alarmed by  
the number, there are fewer than  
in most cities of Asia.

Foreign destitutes (mostly  
Indians and Pakistanis) will be  
deported through their Embassies  
in Rangoon. Burmese citizens  
will be cared for by the com-  
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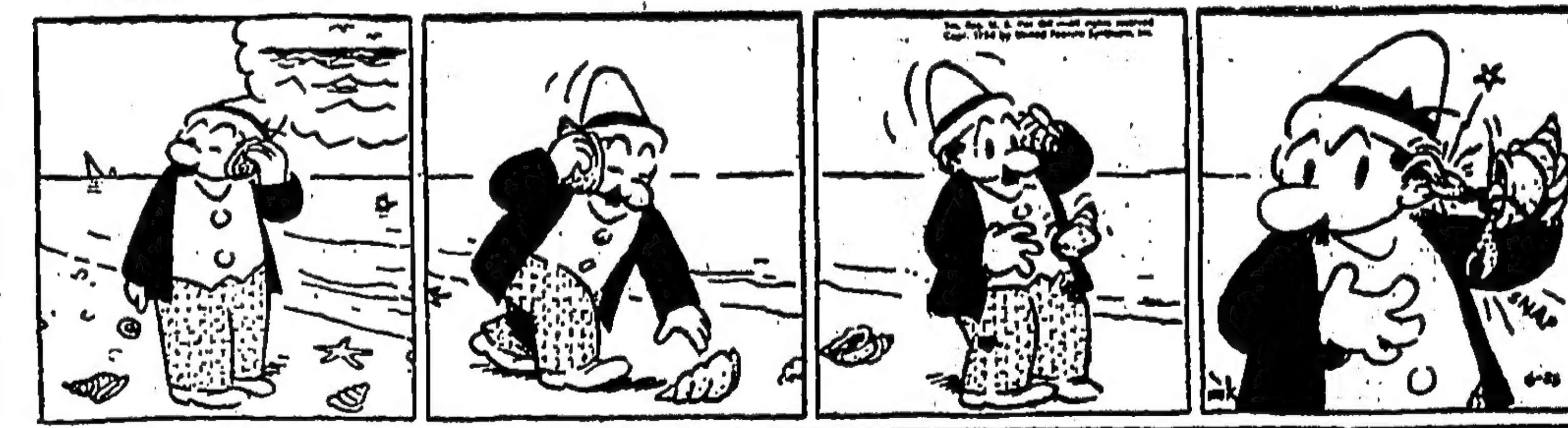
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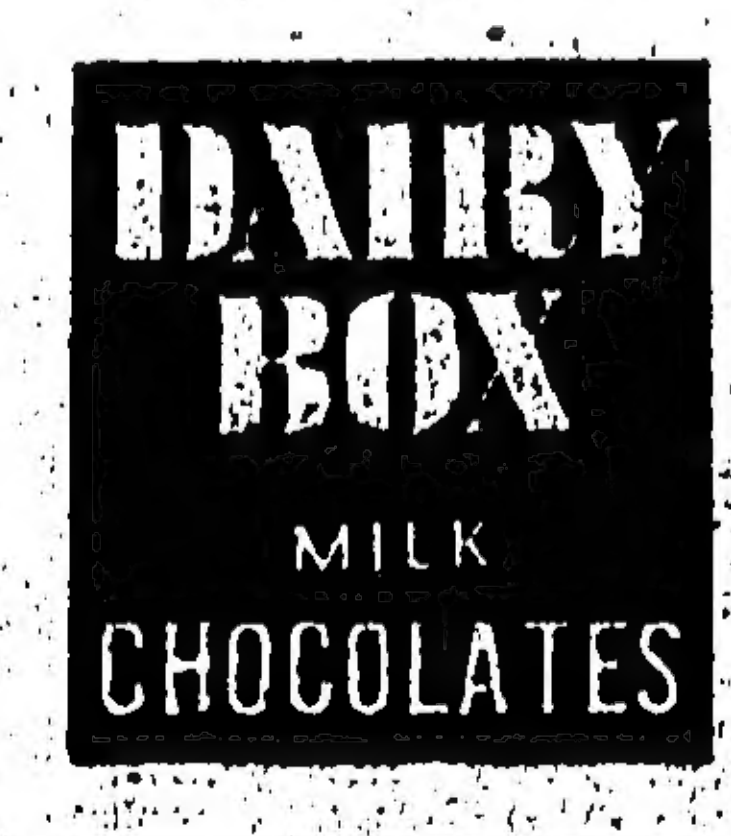
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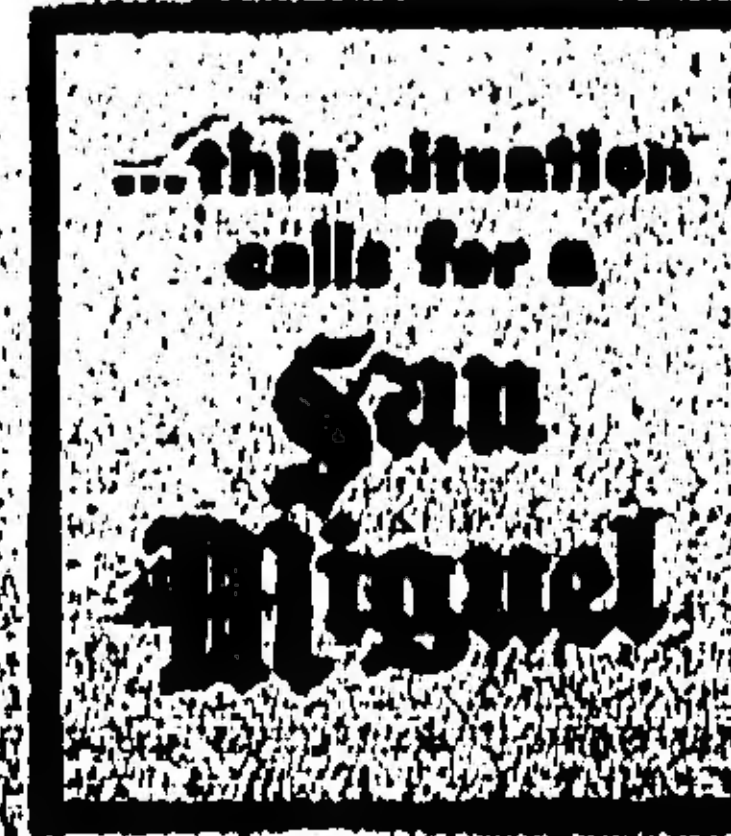
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## THE MIRACLE OF LYDDA

# St George Weeps In His Tomb

By A Special Correspondent

Lydda, Aug. 16.

A series of incidents which have become known here as the "miracle of Lydda" have led to a belief among the local population that Saint George, patron Saint of England, is replete in his grave under the Greek Orthodox church bearing his name.

The church is situated on the site where, tradition has it, St George is said to have slain the dragon as it was about to devour a princess.

Scores of worshippers witnessed the strange incidents which took place during July in the small conical-shaped crypt containing the tomb of St George.

One morning, the smooth walls of the crypt, cut into the hard rock many centuries ago, were found to be covered by a thick layer of a black substance.

The usually pale creamy marble of the tomb, in the centre of the grotto, was also stained black and so were the two stairways leading down to the crypt.

The devout, elderly Elias Asmar was the first to discover it. When asked about it a few days later, Asmar looked still shaken by what he had seen.

The Greek Orthodox parish priest, Salem Hananiya, and several parishioners hastened to the place at Asmar's call and, full of zeal, began to remove the layer of black from the shrine. Under brush and cloth, however, the walls of the tomb started to run a colorless liquid.

A MISTAKE  
For four days, they worked away, wiping off the black "paint" while water streamed from the solid, uncracked rock and from the tomb which it protected.

A few days later, one of them, a young carpenter admitted: "We have made a mistake. We should have left the 'black' for all to see."

Streaks of black veins were, in fact, still as if glued to the walls when I saw them a few days later. Water still exuded from the rock, which felt damp and cool in the crypt lit by candles and electric light.

While there is no dispute over the nature of the Lydda miracle,

opinions differ here as to its significance.

"These were the black tears of our saint," one of the devout told me. "He is shedding them over the state of the world, threatened today with war and destruction."

In ancient times, Saint George was the patron Saint of soldiers. "Tears of wrath," said an old woman, lighting a candle to appease the Saint's anger.

The white-haired and white-bearded Father Salem Hananiya, who looks like a prophet of yore, says that this was the Saint's way of calling upon his people to abandon the path of sin and materialism.

In his residence opposite St. George's Church, the Archimandrite Agapios, the highest ranking Greek-Orthodox clergyman in Lydda, talked to me readily about the "sign."

"Truly, a miracle has happened here," he declared. "It was a miracle without fire, but a miracle all the same. Blackness has come out of the crypt."

But the Archimandrite Agapios leaves open the meaning of the miracle.

"Everyone must interpret it in his own way," he said.

He said that he had told his superior in the Greek-Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem about what happened and meanwhile he is offering prayers of thanksgiving at the Altar over which hangs the painting of the handsome, valiant Saint in silver armour on a white horse.

At a Sunday morning office, pilgrims from other towns and villages in Israel joined the small Greek-Orthodox community of Lydda to offer thanks for the miracle.

They came to light a candle beneath the picture of the Saint as the rites of the Eastern Church were duly performed.

Young mothers carried their babies to the crypt to kiss its moist walls. Grey-haired tradesmen in their Sunday best knelt and crossed themselves uttering inaudible prayers.

PRAYERS OFFERED  
Leaning against the huge column, relic of the 12th century Crusaders' church on the same site which was destroyed by Saladin, elderly women touched the cold stone and asked the Saint to grant them relief from sickness. Others went to touch the iron chain reputed to have curative properties.

"Saint George, tied his white horse to this column," someone whispered in reply to a question, "lunatics have been cured when chained by this iron chain to the column."

In the centre, rose clouds of smoke as Father Hananiya, resplendent in his gold-embroidered robes, entered the altar and later preached his sermon in old-style Arabic.

The small choir chanted. Prayers were offered for peace in the world.

The Greek Orthodox community of Lydda, about 200 strong, with their fellow worshippers from other towns and villages in the neighbourhood, were trying hard to grasp the meaning of the 1954 miracle of Lydda.—China Mail Special.

## UNIQUE COVER

Bombay, Aug. 17.  
A bedcover embroidered with 18,000 stones of 45 varieties has been flown to America to be exhibited at New York, San Francisco, Chicago and Los Angeles.

This unique bedcover made in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh took 30 workers over a year and a half to prepare.

Of blue velvet, it is studded all over with glittering semi-precious stones per strand, elaborate gold and silver thread embroidery.

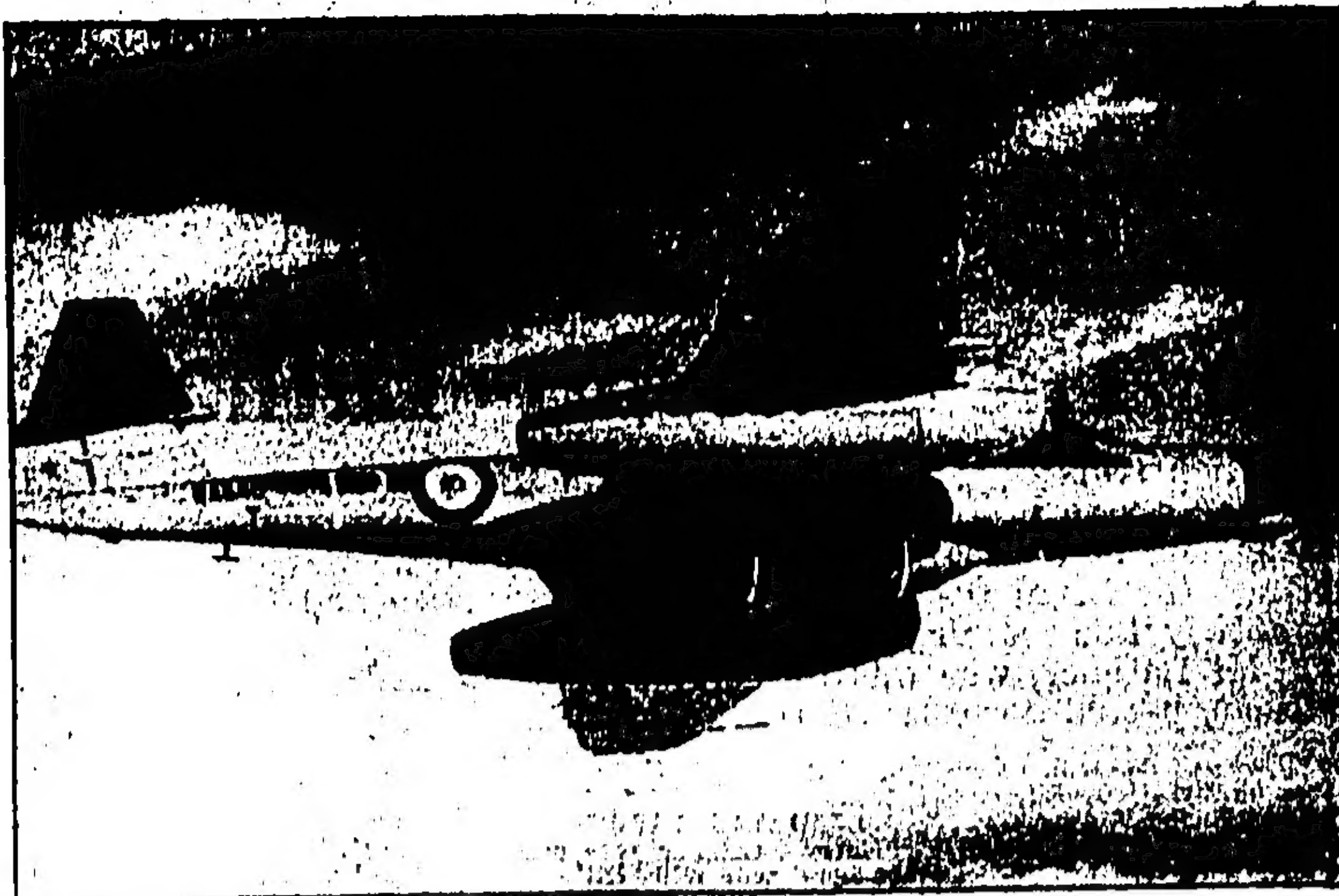
The cover, which is valued at 1,250,000 rupees (2,37,500 sterling), was exhibited at the Textile Centenary Exhibition here last April.—Reuter.

## 29 INJURED IN BUS CRASH

Rabat, Aug. 16.  
Twenty-nine Moroccan were injured, one seriously, when a bus they were riding in blew a tyre and plunged over a steep embankment on the Rabat-Casablanca road yesterday.



## OUR WEEKLY AVIATION NEWS



The Armstrong Whitworth NF-11 night fighter in flight showing the elongated nose containing radar equipment, the frontal fuel tank under the fuselage, one of the four 20 m/m cannons outboard of the engine and the Meteor 5 type tail unit.

## Demonstration Of Civil Aircraft At Farnborough

This week we give a few more details of the new British supersonic fighter, the P.1 made by English Electric. The Under Secretary of State for Air has requested that the P.1 be in full production in near-record time.

Aviation Traders, a British Company, are providing the answer to the DC-3 problem with their turboprop Accountant.

A new type of polish has been adopted by the Royal Canadian Air Force and the United States Air Force for use on the outside of their fighter planes.

The English Electric P.1, Britain's first fully supersonic interceptor fighter, made its first flight from the Ministry of Supply Aeroplane and Armament Experimental Establishment, Boscombe Down, on August 4.

On its first flight the P.1 was flown by Wing Commander Beaumont, English Electric's chief test pilot. The flight of the P.1 is significant in that it opens up a new era in British aviation. The English Electric fighter is the first British aircraft which has been designed to be fully supersonic in level flight.

The P.1 is powered by two Armstrong-Siddeley Sapphire jet engines. An order for a pre-production series of twenty aircraft has already been placed by the Ministry of Supply, and this will result in a significant acceleration of the test programme, by allowing various tests to be carried out simultaneously.

When the Under Secretary of State for Air announced the pre-production order in the House of Commons, he pointed out that this aircraft should reach the Royal Air Force at the earliest possible date, and that the disappointment and delays that have hitherto beset its development, so far as possible, be avoided.

As the P.1 is built by the company which produced the Canberra jet bomber, it is not unduly optimistic to hope that it will prove to be one of the world's most advanced fighters. It will be recalled that the Canberra was the first foreign jet bomber ever to be adopted for the USAF, and that it still holds the World record of its class for the Atlantic crossing. Its average speed between Gander, Newfoundland, and Aldergrove, Northern Ireland, was 605.6 mph on its record-breaking flight.

The design of the P.1, which is perhaps the most advanced aircraft of its kind in the world, required the use of the most modern test equipment. This equipment was designed and constructed by the company and included a transonic wind tunnel, which was the first of its kind to be built in England. These test facilities played a large part in the design of the aircraft from its earliest stages and will be of equal importance in its future development.

As last year, one of the private days at the SBAC Display will be devoted to the demonstration of civil aeroplanes. There is a diverse list of types to be shown, ranging from the small Avro Albatross to the huge, high-speed Comet 3.

In the single-engine, fixed-wing category the Pioneer and Beaver, in addition to the Albatross, will be demonstrated. The Pioneer is in

service with the RAF in Malaya, where it is performing magnificent work against Communist terrorists as an observation, communications, and ambulance aircraft. The Beaver is intended for operations in the Canadian "Bush" territory, and is convertible to skis or floats as required. The guests of the SBAC who attend the Display will also see the Short Shearwater, flying for the first time in public with its aero-isoclinic wing.

This wing combines the necessary sweep-back for high speed flight with excellent control and stability characteristics.

An indication of the importance of helicopters is that four types will be shown this year. From Bristol there will be the Sikorski HO4S, which is being exported to both Australia and Belgium, and the 172, of which a hundred are being built for the British services. The Saro Skeeter, of which two marks will be shown, will demonstrate one conception of the private owner's aircraft of the future—a light two-seat helicopter, which can fly from the lawn of a business man's country house.

The only conventional twin in this year's civil show is the Percival Preceptor, a serviceable aircraft, now in service with the Belgian Air Force. The Percival has been ordered in quantity by the Swedish Government, as well as the RAF. In the multi-engine class the smallest aircraft will be the DH.109, a feeder-liner which is constantly in demand abroad. Recently Turkey has announced her intention to purchase Hercules, and soon the British Joint Services Mission will be flying the Hercules in the USA. The de Havilland exhibits will be completed by the Comets 2 and 3, representing the latest ideas in really fast passenger transport.

The turboprop, combining economy with speed, will be shown in the Vickers Viscount and the Bristol Britannia. The Viscount is breaking records for speed and popularity wherever it is in service, while the Britannia has already been ordered for Australia and Canada as well as BOAC. Negotiations for the sale of Britannias are in progress with other international operators.

The question of replacements for the DC-3s now in commercial use in large numbers all over the world is becoming more and more urgent. Many of the DC-3s now in service are ten years old, and some of them are approaching the end of their useful life. The size of the market can be judged from the fact that the number of these aircraft still operating runs well into four figures.

A British company, Aviation Traders, has now given some more details of its answer to the problem. This is the turboprop-powered Accountant, an economical 50-seater, "big

enough to carry two 14 h.p. cars in a freighter role.

The initial cost of the Accountant will be remarkably low. It has been estimated at £87,500, which is approximately half the price of a foreign competitor. Where good landing and take-off characteristics are required, the Accountant will all the bill—it will be able to operate from any aerodrome now used by DC-3s. The first production aircraft, it is hoped, will be ready for delivery in 1955.

Like the DC-3, it will be a low-wing, twin-engine design. This layout has been chosen partly because of the simplification of servicing which results. It will be possible to lower the undercarriage under the drag alone, should the need arise, and the aircraft will have twin wheels with toe-operated brakes, which are independently piped.

The economics of the Accountant will compare favourably with the figures of the DC-3. Calculating on the basis of 2,000 hours utilisation a year, a range length 920 miles, and cruising speed 228 mph, the minimum cost per seat mile is given by the company as 1.04d. Clearly this is a remarkably low figure for such an up-to-date aircraft.

Back in 1950, British European Airways used a certain number of aircraft to clean the interiors of their aircraft. The Polish is made by a British company, Valay Industries Limited, which will be exhibiting for the first time at this year's SBAC Display. BEA were sufficiently impressed by the Polish to decide to try it on the exterior of an aircraft, and the result was more than satisfactory.

A member of the King's Flight, as it was then called, saw the BEA aeroplane with its highly polished exterior, and at once realised its importance to the royal flight, which has set a standard of above-average smartness. Accordingly in 1951, the aircraft of the King's Flight began flying with a new gleam on their wings. One of these planes visited the Royal Canadian Air Force station at North Luffenham, where the Canadians quickly decided that they too wanted this type of polish. So in 1952 Valay Industries began supplying the RCAF squadrons in the UK with polish for their high-speed fighters.

Before long a fighter squadron of the USAF in England had seen the Canadian fighters with their new polish and had decided to use it too. The American fighters soon spread the doctrine of the new polish to other American bases in Germany, France and North Africa, and now all the USAF bases in Europe are using it. The company estimates that 50 per cent of its turnover at present is in sales of polish, and the first sale to the USA itself has already been made.

## Experts State American Recession Has Hit Bottom

By John Morka

New York, Aug. 16.

Many American business leaders and experts were willing to say publicly this week that the mild recession of 1953-54 apparently had hit its bottom and that American business should slowly improve for the rest of the year.

This, of course, is good news for the rest of the world, for an economically strong America is important to world stability, but it must be noted that the recession in America did not affect other nations. Noted one business magazine: "It disapproved the saying that if America sneezes, the rest of the world gets pneumonia."

However, an economically-improving America will be a better market for imports, and thus the optimism in American circles will be welcomed by European, South American and Far Eastern businessmen.

"Following a decline that carried industrial production down about 10 per cent from the post war peak of last year and the economy is leveling off," reported the First National Bank of Boston in its New England Letter on Business. "It is likely that, on a seasonally adjusted basis, the low point of the recession has been passed."

"We have had our recession in the past twelve months but we have hit bottom and started to see daylight again," said Paul Jamieson, president of the National Industrial Stores Association, representing 1,000 company stores that is, retail stores owned by huge industrial concerns in coal, steel, lumber and textiles in small cities in which the single factory or industry is the basic factor.

"An upturn in business should reach the industrial stores in the coal communities in the last few months of the year," he said. "The miners have recovered from the initial hysteria of lay-offs and short work-weeks. They have become accustomed to lower incomes, and they are looking for a return to normalcy. They are ready to start buying again."

"The outlook is bright and it can be made brighter," said US Secretary of Commerce Mr. Sinclair Weeks, revealing that the Eisenhower administration wants to help business along by increasing the level of contracts and actual government spending in the July-September quarter.

Steel leaders certain to be among the leaders in the upturn no matter what happens in the industry. Steel operations slackened because of vacation shut-downs and recent over-ordering due in part to strike-hedge.

## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$550,742. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

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Docks, etc. 100 1/2 @ 7 1/2

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J. & L. 100 10 1/2 @ 10 1/2

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COFFEES, ETC.  
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buying, and in mid-July the steel industry was operating at 65 per cent of capacity. Output of steel in the first six months totalled about 44 million tons, nearly one-fourth less than for the same period of 1953.

But construction work is at a record high of 3 1/2 billion dollars in July, which is 8 1/2 per cent better than a year ago, and soon this will be reflected in steel orders.

Another magazine Business Week points out that steel operations can increase even without any rise of orders. The cycle, it explains, is this: 1—Consuming industries note a drop in demand for their products and they order less steel; steel mills curtail operations and use their backlogs; 2—Steel users use their inventories; 3—And so the industry is simply to maintain current output, so steel mills get new orders and output rises.

ELSEWHERE

Elsewhere in the US economy: The trend toward mergers of important companies continued as Bethlehem Steel Corporation and Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company officials inspected each other's properties, and in New York there were continuing talks between officers of the Chemical Bank and Trust, The Bank of New York, and the Bank of America.

Patrol stocks in the US dropped 1,500,000 barrels in the week ended Aug. 8 and stood at 150,000,000 barrels. It was reported by the American Petroleum Institute. The total on hand was some 15 million barrels above the stock held in the same week a year ago.

HOTELS BOUGHT

Hard on the heels of Conrad Hilton's acquisition of the Statler Hotel, chain, the Sheraton Corporation of America bought the swank 400-room Blackstone Hotel in Chicago, and now Hilton Hotels and Sheraton both control 26 hotels. However, Hilton chain totals about 30,000 rooms and Sheraton 20,000.

Total shipments of rayon and acetate filament yarn and staple fibers in the first seven months of 1954 totalled 86,500,000 pounds, according to Textile Organon, statistical bureau of the Textile Economics Bureau, Inc. Rayon high tenacity yarn shipments this July were 40,000,000 pounds, 18 per cent above July 1953 shipments of 33,300,000 pounds. Producers stock at the end of July rose to 16,700,000 pounds.

RAYON SHIPMENTS

Shipments of rayon regular-intermediate tenacity yarn last month were 16,000,000 pounds, 3 per cent above June and 3 per cent below July 1953. Acetate yarn shipped in the most recent month amounted to 39,000,000 pounds, 8 per cent under June and 2 per cent under the month of July, 1953.

Acetate staple July shipments this year were 6,100,000 pounds, 18 per cent under June and 22 per cent below July of last year. Imports of rayon staple during June, the Organon reports, amounted to 2,947,000 pounds, an increase of 51 per cent over the previous month, but 7 per cent below the April imports of 3,139,000 pounds. For the first six months of 1954 rayon staple imports totalled 12,371,000 pounds, 74 per cent under the corresponding period of 1953.

The Organon notes that imports of non-cellulosic man-made staple were very small in the first six months of 1954. Imports of rayon staple with acetate content were 1,100,000 pounds in the first six months of 1954, compared with 1,100,000 pounds in the first six months of 1953.

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## Swedes Want Reserve Bank Requirements

Stockholm, Aug. 16.

The Swedish Bank Inspectorate has asked the Government to include stricter reserve requirements in the bank law which is at present being drafted. It proposes that they be raised from three per cent to four per cent of a bank's total obligations, and from 20 per cent to 25 per cent of its short-term obligations.

The Inspectorate stated in its report that as a result of the inflationary trend deposits over 100,000 crowns, which represented 49 per cent of total bank deposits in 1949, had now risen to 85 per cent. Deposits of over one million crowns represented 29.8 per cent at the end of 1949 and 46.2 per cent at the end of 1953.—China Mail Special.

## NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, Aug. 16.

Oil shares sparked a rise in stocks today which added another billion dollars to the recovery since last week's selling-off and lifted prices near their quarter-century highs once again.

Industrial, with the big gains in oil and in leading chemicals, steel, tires, and a host of special issues, were 2.97 higher than the previous session and highest since Oct. 4, 1929.

Rails rose 3 1/2 points on average—almost as big a gain percentage wise and were near their highs since Oct. 4, 1930. Utilities improved 2 cents, setting new top since July 6, 1931.

Volume continued heavy, with turnover for the day of 27,700,000 shares, compared with 2,500,000 on Friday.

STANDARDS RISE

Standard Oil Company (N.J.) stood out as the day's most spectacular feature, rising 3 points to \$36 1/2 on talk of a possible stock split or other move, although company officials denied knowledge of any such move in the making. Market commentators ascribed the strength in oil largely to a firming price situation, reflecting a better inventory position.

Aside from Jersey, Cities Service gained 3 1/2 points and 33 points in high-priced Amerasia, 2 points in the Texas Pacific Land Trust. Allied Chemical jumped more than 3 points.

US Steel ran up 1 1/2 points and Youngstown Sheet and Tube 1 1/2 points to feature their group. Bethlehem improved 1/2 point. Rails generally were higher. A 2-point rise in People's Gas helped lift the utility average. There was a long list of individual features—Douglas, up 1 1/2 in a steady aircraft group; Texas Gulf up 1 1/2 and Jefferson Lake, up 1 1/2 in the Suphurs.

White Sewing Machine, however, declined on a lower earnings statement. Robbin Mills, off 1 1/2 points in the textiles was one of the few losers. Out of 1,238 issues traded, only 338 were lower, 647 higher.

## New York Sugar Market

New York, Aug. 16.

World No. 4 sugar futures today closed unchanged, 1 to 3 points higher with sales of 183 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed 2 points lower with sales of 180 contracts.

Both markets ruled quiet as dealers awaited developments in the raw sugar market on the appearance of some other incentives.

Future closings:  
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## Malaya Government Sponsoring Cocoa Production

Kuala Lumpur, Aug. 16.

This rich rubber and tin peninsula is seeking to make cocoa production a third major industry. The Government is sponsoring experiments because it is concerned at the possible effect on the natural rubber industry of American synthetic rubber production.

A soil survey team will leave Kuala Lumpur soon with tents, equipment and four months' food supply to search for suitable sites for cocoa growing on Malaya's East coast.

Their research work will be done in the wilds of Trengganu, a state fringed by deep jungles on its west side and the China Sea on the east.

The survey team's task is to find granite derived soil and virgin forest land with not too much sun and not too much shade.

This latest survey is one small part of a research pattern which started seven years ago. Its aim is to give Malaya a third major industry which in a few years time may help to solve a world shortage of cocoa and give the country the badly needed income of over \$200,000,000 (more than £23,000,000) every year.

Local and overseas economists have frequently urged the Malayan Government to start new industries, so that Malaya is not completely dependent on rubber, which is threatened by American synthetic production, and tin, which can be bought from countries nearer Europe. During the past seven years experimental cocoa plots have been planted in many parts of Malaya. It is now known that the east coast has the type of soil likely to yield the richest crop, for cocoa will not grow in ground where rubber trees have grown and the west coast is where Malaya's rubber industry is concentrated.—China Mail Special.

## World Rubber Markets

Singapore, Aug. 16.

A bearish rubber market persisted throughout the week and operators have been easily influenced by any news which could be construed as such, said the weekly report of Holiday Rubber, Bath and Company Limited.

The rubber broking firm reports says London was the only market buying regularly from Singapore and that support from elsewhere was very spasmodic.

It says news from the United States that existing strikes at rubber factories there might spread also assisted in the general recession.

A slight recovery in New York with continued support from London made for an improvement on Thursday but operators were still hesitant and buying was mainly on account of trade covering and some factory enquiry.

SINGAPORE MARKET

After opening steady on some covering eased on lack of support. The market steadied in the afternoon on further covering and sellers more reserved. Future closings:

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## JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

### Worldly Goods

"WITH all my worldly goods I thee endow," Tom, on his wedding day perhaps had used those words discovering in them, then, a sweet and lyric quality, because he meant to abide by every syllable. Or surrounding them with mental reservations like barbed-wire defences, because he did not intend them to be taken too literally.

But Tom's marriage, like place some time ago and, with over his mood was not, the intervening years have made these words go sour on him.

For Tom and his wife live apart now, and the wife, it is said, not his own free will, but because she has no other choice, what he calls his wife, out of his worldly goods.

**ARRAIGN MOUNT**

At the turn of the year Tom was brought to court for failing to pay his wife the maintenance money that was her due. He offered to pay all that was owing, within the course of the next three months. But he paid not a penny, and so was brought to court again. Tom spun some kind of yarn that served its purpose, and this time went away leaving behind him the assurance that the matter would be dealt with within four weeks.

Many more weeks than that passed, and then, the other day, Tom was brought to court, at the Clerk's court, and asked how it was that he still owed £31-odd to his wife.

**MORE IMPORTANT THINGS**

"COME into the witness-box," the learned clerk commanded, for it was up to Tom, now, to show why he had not paid. He marched smartly round from the dock, a chunky, pleasant-looking man, in his middle thirties, perhaps.

"What is your occupation?" the learned clerk asked. "A carpenter," Tom said. "And how much do you earn a week?"

"It varies—sometimes £10, sometimes less." "And you've paid nothing. Why?" asked the magistrate. "I've been more important things," Tom said. "Such as?"

**CUT SMOKING**

TOM replied: "The children." "Then the magistrate asked: "Do you smoke?" Tom nodded. "How many cigarettes do you smoke?"

"Bout ten a day." The magistrate made a lightning calculation. "That's about 14s. a week," he said. "I suppose smoking's one of the more important things. You can cut that out, for a start. What about travelling expenses?"

"Sometimes 25s. a week." "But you get an allowance from your employers, surely?" "I work for myself," Tom said. "And the rent's £2 7s. 6d.?"

"You work for yourself, do you?" said the magistrate. "That's better still. Get paid in cash, I suppose. Do you pay income tax?" Tom shook his head.

"And never will," said the magistrate.

**THE EVER-EVER SYSTEM**

"I MIGHT some time," Tom answered miserably, as if he numbered the paying of income tax among his secondary ambitions.

"The sentence is three months. It will be suspended so long as you pay £2 a week."

"Don't you think that's too much?" Tom asked hopefully. "No, I do not," said the magistrate. "You haven't even tried to pay in the past. I shall see you do more than try this time."

With his head hung low, Tom went away, to work out details of the task he had been set—of bestowing a portion of his worldly goods on the ever-ever, or instalment, system.

**NO MOORING PERMIT**

Two junk owners (both had one previous conviction) were fined £15 each and five others were cautioned by Mr. W. R. R. Collins at the Marine Court this morning for mooring along the river without a mooring permit.

## MR A. P. PATTISON Shipping Executive Arrives From Shanghai

Mr Alfred Peter Pattison, well-known American merchant and shipping man, who was granted an exit permit by the Chinese authorities in Shanghai following negotiations between the American and Chinese delegations at the recent Geneva Conference, arrived here from Shanghai by the ss-Poyang this morning.

Mr Pattison, who was accompanied by his wife and five-year-old daughter, Elizabeth, waited for his visa to leave China for the last time and a half year.

Mr Pattison, who formerly headed the shipping firm of A.P. Pattison in Shanghai and which was closed four years ago, said he has spent 30 years in China and that the last time he paid a visit to his home in New Orleans was immediately after the last war.

He was interned in Shanghai by the Japanese during the war. He is returning to the United States in about six weeks.

Mrs Pattison was the former Miss Chao Min-hui of Shanghai.

**GENEVA AGREEMENT**

At the Geneva Conference it was agreed between the American and Chinese delegations that six Americans in China would be allowed to leave. Of these, four Catholic priests, Fathers John B. Maye, Ernest Hotz, Linus Lombard and Lawrence Mullin, have already arrived in Hongkong.

Others who arrived in the Poyang were Mr and Mrs J. Pichera and their two small sons. Mr Pichera, who came from Catania, Italy, was with the Swiss-owned firm, the Chinese

Aluminum Rolling Mill, for many years. He and his family are returning to Italy.

Mr K. R. Bolter, 54, an engineer of Hamburg, Germany, who, for the last three and half years, was with Muller's Shipping and Engineering Works in Shanghai, also arrived. Mr Bolter, who went to China in 1920, said he will wait here for his Chinese wife and child to come down before making plans to go to Germany.

**FILIPINOS**

Another passenger was a Filipino, Mr Eric Mercado, accompanied by his wife and one-year-old son. They are returning to Philippines under the Philippine Government repatriation scheme.

Talking about the recent flood along the Yangtze, Mr Mercado said as far as he knew, the water in Hankow, one of the tri-cities situated at the lower part of the river, was some four feet high.

The crops were seriously damaged, he said.

**FOOD RATIONING**

Provisions were being rushed to the flooded area from many parts in China, especially from Shanghai, said Mr Mercado. Probably for this reason, he said, Shanghai also suffered a food shortage too. He said that because the food rationing in Shanghai only applied to rice, oil, and a few other items but now nearly everything had to be rationed. Long queues of people waiting to buy daily commodities had been seen in Shanghai, he added.

The weather in Shanghai and around the river area was very bad this year, said Mr Mercado.

Other passengers included Mr Sulch Ram Dass, one of the two owners of an Indian dairy farm in Shanghai, the Khongnong Dairy Farm. He was accompanied by his Chinese wife, Mel-yung.

Mr Dass is on route to the Punjab, his native province, after having been in China for 22 years. He said that the farm is still running.

**Fined \$500 For Indecent Assault**

Pleading guilty to a charge of indecent assault, Suen Kwong, 43, a Shanghai man, was fined \$500 and ordered to be bound over in \$1,000 for one year, by Mr Him-shing Lo at Central Police Court this morning.

Appearing for the Prosecution Mr A. J. Clifford, instructed by Hastings and Co., said accused was a partner of complainant's in business and had known him for ten years. On July 23 he indecently assaulted complainant following a party and later wrote a letter of apology.

In mitigation, Mr Francis Wong, of Messrs C. Y. Kwan and Co., said accused was drunk at the time and could not remember all details occurring that night. He had earlier received a letter from Shanghai stating that his wife was very ill and yielded to the temptation of drinking knowing that he could not drink much.

**Bailey Case Adjourned**

Commitment proceedings against Albert Francis Bailey, 33, who faces six counts of libel, were adjourned to August 20, at 2.30 p.m. by Mr Lawrence Leong at Central Police Court this morning.

Bailey, who is on \$8,000 bail, is alleged to have published defamatory libels, knowing them to be false, in the form of six letters to Mr Y. H. Chan, Mr Peter H. Sin, Solicitors, and S. K. Yee, manager, on April 9, 13, 15 and 24.

Mr J. C. McRobert, Crown Counsel, prosecuted, assisted by Del. Insp. R. A. Dugman.

## This Time It's A Holiday



Strolling toward a Vienna-bound plane at London Airport are Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and his wife. This time Mr Eden's trip was not to any war-torn area but solely for pleasure. He and his wife were on their way to spend several weeks holidaying in Carinthia, Austria. — (Reutersphoto).

## Judge Says: Mountain Out Of Molehill

### Court Case Over Ownership Of An Accordion

"This appears to be a mountain out of a molehill," remarked District Judge A. D. Scholes as he sat to consider a suit brought by Mrs Hope Ryloff of 16 Braga Circuit, against Sub-Inspector V. Tranquill, of the Police Immigration Department, for a piano accordion said to be worth \$1,000.

Mrs Ryloff claimed that the accordion was hers, a present from her husband, and that Inspector Tranquill, who had borrowed it many a time, had eventually kept it.

The Inspector's defence was flimsy, that at was an outright gift from Mrs Ryloff in 1951, and secondly that at any rate he paid Mrs Ryloff \$500 for it in June this year.

Judge Scholes was informed there was no hope of the action being settled.

Mr D. E. Gaudin represented Mrs Ryloff, the plaintiff and Mr M. A. da Silva represented Inspector Tranquill.

Giving evidence, Mrs Ryloff said the accordion was of an Italian make purchased for her by her husband in Milan. She brought it to Hongkong at the end of 1951. At this time Inspector Tranquill was a friend. He said he wished to learn to play the instrument so she agreed to lend it to him for his lessons.

**MANY PARTIES**

"We had many parties, and he used to play it at these parties," added the plaintiff. She denied that she ever gave the accordion to the Inspector or that she had received money for it. It was a souvenir of Milan and was never intended to be sold, she declared.

Did she tell Tranquill he could have it as a reward for services, asked her solicitor. Never, declared Mrs Ryloff. There were no services at all.

She went on to say that Tranquill did not look after her house while she went on leave. A couple called Smith, stayed there during the whole time she was away from May to September, 1951.

**ONCE AGAIN**

Telling how the accordion came to be detained by Tranquill, Mrs Ryloff said that he returned the instrument in March this year after she had telephoned for its return many times. Then he asked her to lend it to him once, again on the condition that she would be paid \$500 for it.

"He assured me of the return. I took his word for it and consented," she said.

Since that time in March she telephoned him seven times to ask for the accordion. She was told that it was too busy to return it but that she could collect it from his house.

So she asked, a friend, Mr Tihonoff, to accompany her to collect her accordion, continued Mrs Ryloff. She did not know that Tranquill would not be at home.

## Supreme Court Pays Tribute To The Late Mr Latimer

High tributes to the late Mr William Henry Latimer, as "a friend to all" and a man who "never spared himself to render valuable service to Hongkong at a time when it was most needed" was paid by the Judiciary, the Legal Department the Bar Association and the Hongkong Law Society this morning in the Supreme Court.

Mr Latimer, who was formerly Magistrate and Tenancy Tribunal Chairman, passed away last Saturday after a long illness.

The Full Court which convened comprised four Supreme Court Judges, the Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice T. J. Gould, and Puisne Judges, Mr Justice C. W. Reece, Mr Justice J. R. Gregg and Mr Justice J. R. Gaudin. These were flanked by the two District Court Judges, Judge J. Wicks and Judge A. D. Scholes.

To a Courtroom of barristers, solicitors, legal staff and other friends of Mr Latimer, Mr Justice Gould declared:

"We have met this morning to mark, with sorrow, the passing of one who, in the years since the war, has been the friend of most of those now assembled here. William Henry Latimer had just completed a period of war service when he was told of Hongkong's urgent need of men to assist in post-war rehabilitation. He immediately accepted a position with the legal branch of the Civil Affairs Unit of the Military Administration and arrived in Hongkong on November 10, 1945.

He did valuable work as a magistrate in those early days and continued, as such after the military administration ended. Early in 1949 he became President of the Tenancy Tribunal and was the first to be engaged full time on this work. At times also he acted as Registrar of this court and in 1952 when he was struck down by illness he was working under high pressure both as Magistrate and Tenancy Tribunal President.

**BORN IN CANADA**

"Henry Latimer was born in Canada and had the open friendliness and genial disposition characteristic of that great nation. He was a friend to all. He never spared himself. He rendered valuable service to this Colony at a time when it was most needed. We mourn his passing and extend the deepest sympathy of the bench to his widow, who with love and fortitude sustained him through his long illness."

Each of the Puisne Judges added that he wished to be associated with the remarks of the Chief Justice and each extended his condolences to the widow and family of Mr Latimer.

The Solicitor-General, Mr Arthur Hooton, Q.C., spoke on behalf of the Legal Department in the absence of the Attorney-General who was on other official duties.

Mr Hooton said: "This department has always been very conscious of the notable part he played in assisting in the re-establishment of the rule of law in the Colony in the years immediately following upon its re-occupation."

"One of the members of an overworked and understaffed magistracy, his cheerful devotion to duty and his refusal to be deterred by the immense volume of work in his Court, very materially assisted the administration of justice in the Colony at a time when lawlessness was unfortunately only too prevalent. His capacity for work and his selflessness in the performance of the duties of his office, enabled him to keep up to date with cases, many of them long and difficult, the volume alone of which would readily have deterred anyone less determined or less conscious of his duty to the public."

**PERSEVERANCE, DEVOTION**

"Later he brought to the Tenancy Tribunal his knowledge and experience and the same qualities of perseverance and devotion to duty, and by them was able to deal expeditiously and justly with the heavy volume of work."

"As a man and as a colleague Mr Latimer was straightforward, kindly, friendly and cooperative. We too mourn his passing and extend the deepest sympathy to his widow."

Speaking for the Bar Association, Mr Charles Loseby Q.C., associated himself with the tributes paid and said: "Harry Latimer, as we know, was a personal friend to all of us and we all feel that we have lost a personal friend who we most sincerely mourn. His strong, courageous, happy personality made itself felt wherever he was. I know he was happy in the friendships and more particularly in the friendships of this place, the place he served so well and which he loved so much. It was always a striking thing, which one cannot fail to observe, the apparent devotion to him of the junior members of the service associated with him, whose work in helping him he appreciated so much. I myself always think it is so much a test."

**DIED AS HE WISHED**

"Harry Latimer was one of that band who will little show in the year 1946 did so much in the way of getting this Colony on its feet again. I do not think that anyone would deny him a place there. And he died as he wished to die, struck down unexpectedly and undoubtedly at a time when he was over-exerting himself in his duties to which he was so much attached."

"As a Magistrate he always had the respect and the affection of the advocates who appeared before him. He left behind a name in this place that he has earned."

"I do think that he was happy in the work that one would say he was privileged to do in this place. It was typical of him that he served always in the place that he was asked to serve."

"His friends of the Bar deplore his loss. We wish to express to Mrs Latimer our deepest sympathy and to say our last word, I know his memory will remain in this place."

The President of the Law Society, Mr F. K. d'Almada e Castro, also associated himself and members of the Society with the tributes to Mr Latimer.

He said: "I personally knew Mr Latimer and had the greatest respect for him as I have worked with him in the Magistracy. I cannot find words adequate enough to express how deeply I feel his passing. On behalf of members of the Law Society I wish to extend to Mrs Latimer and members of his family our very deepest sympathy."

After Mr d'Almada's speech, Mr Justice Gould adjourned the Court.

**American-Style Salute For Magistrate**

When his name was called this morning, 20-year-old Mario Figueroa, a Filipino fisherman, snapped a smart American-style salute to Mr Him-shing Lo at Central and stood stiffly at attention, while a charge of illegal entry was read out to him.

Asked by the interpreter whether he spoke English, Mario said "Yes, Sir." But when Mr Lo questioned him in English, defendant remained mute.

Mr S. T. de la Rosa, of the Philippine Consulate, then volunteered to act as interpreter. Insp. D. J. Carty, prosecuting, asked the Court to remand Figueroa for seven days in Police custody in order to ascertain how the defendant entered the Colony.

What may well be of much more interest to your readers, is that the wrought-iron gates to which I have referred as guarding the entrance to the estate, are now back in their proper place as the gates of the village of Kam Tin in the New Territories. These gates were "looted" from the village during disturbances accompanying the acquisition of the New Territories at the end of last century and, as many of our older readers will possibly remember, were restored to the village of the village of Kam Tin shortly before the last war.

What I will take issue over, with United Press, is their reference to "Youghal" (pronounced Yaw!) The true local just would not recognise it! The local pronunciation introduces an aspirate and it is nearer to "Yohal"—with a short o and a. But does it really matter?

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Lester said tonight things couldn't be any worse if we were married—and if that isn't proposing, what is?"

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